

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) A method for triggering a restraint device, comprising:

triggering the restraint device as a function of a collision signal; and

initiating the triggering when the collision signal exceeds a noise threshold at a triggering time, wherein a calculated time required for the collision signal to exceed the noise threshold is taken into account in determining the [a] triggering time for the restraint device, wherein the calculated time is calculated from a time function of collision velocity.

6. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 5, wherein the triggering time is taken into account by a fixed offset.

7. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 5, further comprising:

determining the triggering time as a function of a collision velocity and a crash type.

8. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 7, further comprising:

determining the collision velocity via a pre-crash sensor.

9. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 7, further comprising:

determining the triggering time as a function of a collision velocity and a crash type, wherein the triggering time is taken into account by a fixed offset.

10. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 9, further comprising:

determining the collision velocity via a pre-crash sensor.